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October 13, 1981

Mr. York Jones
Utah International, Inc.
P.O. Box 649
Cedar City, Utah 84720

RE: Reclamation Surety Release
Cedar City Operations
ACT/021/001
Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jones:

In response to your letter of June 29, 1981, after inspection and review of the reclamation work performed at the Cedar City Operations... I would like to propose the following ideas for Utah International's consideration:

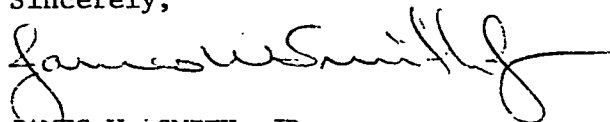
The Division will be able to issue a release from responsibility for reclamation of mine areas in part, according to Rule M-10(12)(2)(b) and/or (3). Several areas for which you have requested release have not survived the three season requirements for revegetation. Additionally, it may be cumbersome to divide up areas (e.g. the Comstock Alluvium) into categories of successful, partially successful, and growth status of less than three years. However, if you wish, we may attempt to do so following the seventy percent cover achievement criteria listed under Rule M-10(12)(2)(a). A survey conducted by Utah International, Inc. providing the Division with cover percentages achieved to date and acreages involved versus a comparison to surrounding grazing land should be sufficient to make a determination. Attempts at meeting revegetation standards will be taken into account if seventy percent achievement is not attainable as per M-10(12)(3) and adequate efforts to achieve such are demonstrated by Utah International.

Furthermore, the Division may issue a separate release from reclaimed areas that do not involve revegetation, e.g. several pits which have received variances and only required safety berms, or were turned over to the County, etc. If you wish to pursue this avenue of reclamation... contract release we shall do so using acreages of those particular pit areas that you wish to provide and then subtract them from the initial total, the remainder of which Utah International will still be responsible.

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The Division will await your response to these suggestions before taking further action. I apologize for the Division's delay in responding to Utah International's request. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Tetting of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Smith, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Enclosures